GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Home Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Manepalli Shankar, Additional Public Prosecutor, Grade-I, 1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge Court, Eluru, West Godavari District – Trapped on 28-05-2008 - Prosecution sanctioned – Acquitted from Trial Court in CC.No.62/2018 (Old C.C.No.12/2009) – Examined – Further Action Dropped – Orders – Issued.

HOME (SC.B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 78 Dated: 09-01-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, ACB, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.126/RCT-EWG/2008-S.13, dt.04.07.2008 & 22.12.2008.
2. G.O.Ms.No.228, Home (SC.B, LA & J) Dept., dt.07.04.2009.
3. Orders of Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases Court, Rajamahendravaram in CC.No.62/2018 (Old C.C.No.12/2009), dt.29.07.2024.
4. Representation of Sri Manepalli Shankar, Addl. PP, Grade-I, (f) 1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge Court, Eluru, West Godavari District (now retired), dt.05.09.2024.
5. From the Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.126/RCT-EWG/2008, dt.07.11.2024.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, Sri M.Shankar, Additional Public Prosecutor, Grade-I, 1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge Court, Eluru, West Godavari District was trapped by the ACB officials on 28.05.2008 when he demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.2,000/- from Sri P. Navotio, for showing the official favour of filing counter in the Crl. M.P.No.879/2008 in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Addl. District Session Judge, Eluru filed by brother in-law of the complainant in Cr.No.30/2008 u/s 354 IPC of Attili Police Station in which his brother-in-law figured as accused and who was in judicial remand. The above allegation is substantiated. Hence, the DG, ACB has recommended to prosecute the AO in a Court of Law u/s 7,13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of PC Act,1988 and also recommended to initiate departmental action on the allegation of non-submission of APRs for violation of APCS(Conduct) Rules,1964.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have issued orders for prosecution of the A.O. Sri M. Shankar, in a Court of Law on the allegations of corruption. Accordingly, the Charge Sheet was filed by ACB vide C.C.No.62/2018 (Old C.C.No.12/2009).

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases Court, Rajamahendravaram has delivered judgment that the "Accused Officer is found not guilty for the offences punishable under section 7 & 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 and he is acquitted under section 248(1) Cr.P.C.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, Sri Manepalli Shankar, Formerly Addl. Public Prosecutor, Grade-I(Retired) has informed that the Spl. Judge for the ACB Cases, Rajahmahendravaram acquitted of the charges framed against him on 29-07-2024. He has therefore, requested to drop all further proceedings in the charge framed against him.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada has informed that the Accused Officer Sri Manepalli Shankar, (f) Addl. PP, Grade-I, 1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge Court, Eluru, West Godavari District (retired) was acquitted by the Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases Court, Rajamahendravaram in CC No.62/2018 and the Bureau has opined that there are no grounds to prefer an appeal against the orders of Trial Court.

6. Government after careful examination, hereby order to drop further action against the Accused Sri Manepalli Shankar, Formerly Additional Public Prosecutor, Grade-I, 1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge Court, Eluru, West Godavari District (now retired), duly treating the suspension period spent by him as “Not On Duty”, since he was acquitted from trial court in CC.No.62/2018 (Old C.C.No.12/2009) on benefit of doubt.

7. The Director of Prosecutions, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KUMAR VISHWAJEET
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Commissioner, A.P.V.C., AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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